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Named "America's Great Outdoors Congressional Champion" by the Wilderness Society

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WASHINGTON – Congressman Charles F. Bass (NH-02) was honored by the Wilderness Society recently as an "America's Great Outdoors Congressional Champion" for his leadership in preserving the Land and Water Conservation Fund and his past efforts to designate a new wilderness area in the White Mountain National Forest.

Bass said:

"New Hampshire has some of the most beautiful spots in the country, from the North Country to the Monadnock Region and to the Seacoast and everywhere in between. Programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Community Forest Program have preserved many areas in the Granite State, such as the Newfound Pathway at Newfound Lake and the Randolph Community Forest.

"For a state that relies not only on tourism dollars but on the outdoor recreation industry, it's easy to see the positive impact these conservation programs have on our state's economy and way of life. As long as I have the opportunity to represent New Hampshire's Second District, I will continue supporting programs like LWCF in Congress to preserve these natural treasures for future generations to be able to enjoy."

"Representative Bass's support for programs like the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been exemplary," said **Jamie Williams, president of The Wilderness Society**. "Congressman Bass was instrumental in funding for the program last year, introducing an amendment to strengthen its ability to protect America's wild places."

"Whether he is sponsoring a wilderness bill for the White Mountain National Forest or promoting outdoor recreation and its major economic impact on local communities, Charlie Bass is a conservation champion and we thank him for helping to build our nation's conservation legacy," said **Brian Gagnon, a New Hampshire-based field staffer for The Wilderness Society**.

For more information about the America's Great Outdoors Congressional Champions, please visit <http://wilderness.org/blog/america%E2%80%99s-great-outdoors-congressional-champion> [S.](#)

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